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REMARKS

The subject application is a divisional, and claims the priority, of U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674, filed December 17, 1999. The subject application also claims the benefit of priority from Japanese Application Nos. 10-365108, 11-080577 and 11-108464, filed December 22, 1998; March 24, 1999 and April 15, 1999, respectively.

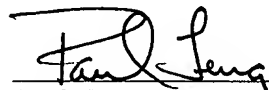
By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-116 and 119-138, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 117 and 118 are now pending and presented for examination in this application.

Applicants maintain that this Preliminary Amendment does not introduce new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$770.00 application fee for the divisional application filed concurrently herewith, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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